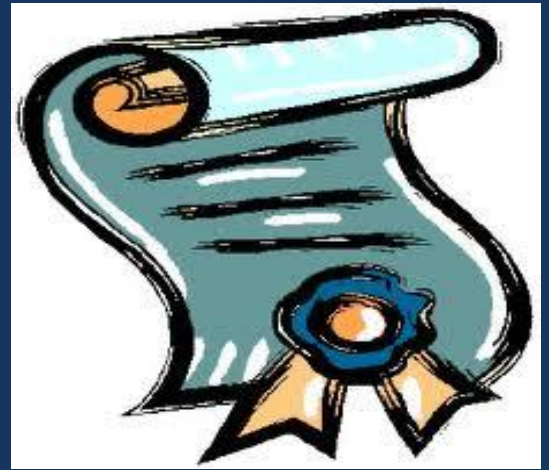


The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: March 2011



Transparency and open communication is a vital step to create informed and engaged citizenry. This newsletter is purely dedicated to legislation relating to Howard County and will be distributed after the County Council prefile deadline which is typically the last Thursday of the month. It will include legislation under consideration by the Howard County Council and the Howard County



State legislation. Included within each section you will find a brief description of each proposed bill as well as links to find more details. I hope you find this information helpful and take advantage of this opportunity to become

more engaged. If you'd like to offer testimony on any legislation for consideration by the Howard County Council, please send an email to Councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. If you'd like to submit testimony to on Howard County State Legislation, send your testimony via email to hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

Howard County Council INTRODUCTIONS

APPOINTMENTS

CR26-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Cynthia Dawson to the Public Transportation Board

To view this online, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR26-2011.pdf>

CR 27-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Evangeline Draper Hawthorne to the Commission for Women

To view the resolution, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR27-2011.pdf>

CR28-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Timothy J. Johnson to the Human Rights Commission

To view the resolution, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR28-2011.pdf>

CR29-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Shahid Qureshi to the Public Works Board

To view the resolution, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR29-2011.pdf>

CR30-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sylvia Ramsey to the Recreation & Parks Board

To view the resolution, visit <http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR30-2011.pdf>

CR31-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Diane Richardson to the Commission on Disability Issues

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR31-2011.pdf>

CR32-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Chelsea Stanton to the Commission on Disability Issues

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR32-2011.pdf>

CR33-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Timothy G. Wolf to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR33-2011.pdf>

CR34-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Maurice Bellan to the Public Ethics Commission

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR34-2011.pdf>

CR35-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Roxanne C. Farrar to the Commission on Aging

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR35-2011.pdf>

CR36-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joyce Lehrer to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR36-2011.pdf>

CR37-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Arthur D. Merkle, Jr. to the Personnel Board

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR37-2011.pdf>

CR 38-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Swathi Narayan to the Human Rights Commission

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR38-2011.pdf>

CR39-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of H. Taylor Walls to the Human Rights Commission

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR39-2011.pdf>

FINANCIAL

SAO7-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring \$50,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Corrections to cover increased expenses for janitorial and food supplies.

To view online, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/SAO7-FY2011.pdf>

CB12-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance at any one time and from time to time of general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the County's general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any one time not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds authorized to be issued by Howard

County, Maryland at the time such notes are issued; providing that such bond anticipation notes shall be sold at private (negotiated) or at public sale for a price at, above or below, the par value thereof, as may be determined by the County Executive; providing that such bond anticipation notes may be issued as variable rate demand obligations, notes in the nature of commercial paper or other similar obligations and authorizing the County Executive to determine various matters and to take various other actions in connection therewith; providing that such bond anticipation notes not paid with bond proceeds may be paid with proceeds of bond anticipation notes authorized by this Ordinance; covenanting to pay the principal of and interest on any such bond anticipation notes with the proceeds of the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which such notes are issued; covenanting to issue the bonds in anticipation of which any such bond anticipation notes are issued as soon as the reason for deferring the issuance thereof no longer exists; providing for the levy and collection of all taxes, charges and assessments necessary for the payment when due of the principal of and interest on all notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance not paid with proceeds of bonds or notes issued under this Ordinance; providing for disbursement of the proceeds of the Notes; delegating authority to the County Executive the power to enter into all agreements which may be necessary or desirable to secure and market the notes authorized pursuant to this Ordinance; generally providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of bond anticipation notes and determining various matters in connection therewith

To view online, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB12-2011.pdf>

GENERAL

CB13-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in designated school zones; defining certain terms; requiring that a violation recorded by speed monitoring systems may be enforced only by the issuance of a warning for a period of at least 30 days after the first speed monitoring system is placed in the school zone; setting forth the use of certain fines in accordance with State law; and generally related to speed monitoring systems in Howard County

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB13-2011.pdf>

[s/CB13-2011.pdf](http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB13-2011.pdf)

CB14-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending an uncodified section in Council Bill No. 21-2009 that sets forth the date on by which Council Bill No. 21-2009 will expire and be of no further force and effect; extending the expiration of Council Bill No. 21-2009; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to Council Bill No. 21-2009

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB14-2011.pdf>

CB15-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT approving, in accordance with Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, a thirty-two year lease of the land and proposed recreation center located on Mt. Ida Drive, Ellicott City, Howard County, Maryland by and between the Howard County Housing Commission, and Howard County, Maryland and, pursuant to Section 13.1312(s) of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Council and the County Executive to approve a commercial facility adjacent to a housing project

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB15-2011.pdf>

CR25-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION to close Mount Ida Drive, as shown in Exhibits A and B, in accordance with Section 18.204 of the Howard County Code

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR25-2011.pdf>

CR40-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION amending an uncodified section in Council Resolution No. 14-2009 that sets forth the date on by which Council Resolution No. 14-2009 will expire and be of no further force and effect; extending the expiration of Council Resolution No. 14-2009; and generally relating to Council Resolution No. 14-2009

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR40-2011.pdf>

[s/CR40-2011.pdf](#)

CR41-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code in order to enter into an agreement with Second Goodier, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, for the design and construction of road improvements to Roxbury Road and authorizing the County Executive to execute the agreement on behalf of the County in substantially the same form as attached to this Resolution

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR41-2011.pdf>

CR42-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 16.301 of the Howard County Code, granting variances from the structure and use setback for a recreation facility to be located at the redeveloped Hilltop property located at Mt. Ida Drive, Ellicott City, Maryland

To view the resolution online, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR42-2011.pdf>

CR43-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION supporting Howard County's application for designation as a Preserve America Community and expressing Howard County's commitment to protecting its historic and cultural resources for current and future generations

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR43-2011.pdf>

CR44-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION supplementing the Historic Sites Inventory for Howard County

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR44-2011.pdf>

CR45-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION adopting the Howard County Consolidated Plan for Federal Fiscal Years 2011- 2015 for housing including the Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Action Plan Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Consolidated Plan Schedule

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR45-2011.pdf>

CR46-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on May 25, 2011

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR46-2011.pdf>

FINAL CONSIDERATION

CR18-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Angela M. Cash to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR18-2011.pdf>.

CR19-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Lisa Lopez Friedman to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR19-2011.pdf>.

CR20-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of George W. Hunter, III to the Housing Commission.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR20-2011.pdf>

[s/CR20-2011.pdf](#).

CR21-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Christopher P. Parr to the Pension Oversight Commission

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR21-2011.pdf>.

FINANCIAL

SAO6-2011 Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT transferring up to \$1,700,000 from the General Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Department of Public Works for unanticipated expenses for snow removal.

To view this online, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/SAO6-FY2011.pdf>.

GENERAL

CB6-2011 Introduced by Greg Fox, Councilmember. Co-sponsored by Courtney Watson, Councilmember.

AN ACT amending the Howard County Code to require developers conducting pre-submission community meetings in accordance with Section 16.128 of the County Code to send a copy of the meeting's minutes and responses to certain questions to the meeting attendees within in a certain timeframe of the meeting; and generally relating to pre-submission community meetings.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB6-2011.pdf>.

CB7-2011 (ZRA 121) Introduced by The Chair at the request of 10071 WBO LLC c/o Patriot Realty

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to permit increased residential density on certain CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoned parcels and to allow the Director of the Department of Planning and Zoning to further reduce the minimum commercial space requirement under certain conditions; and generally relating to the CAC (Corridor Activity Center) zoning district.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs>

[s/CB7-2011.pdf](#).

CB8-2011 (ZRA 128) Introduced by The Chair at the request of Ralph Ballman

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Enforcement provisions of Section 102: Violations, Enforcement, and Penalties to change and clarify the notification procedures and appeal rights for persons requesting an inspection of a suspected violation; and generally relating to the Enforcement Subsection of Section 102.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB8-2011.pdf>.

CB9-2011 (ZRA 130) Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of Marsha S. McLaughlin, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning

AN ACT allowing Farm Wineries – Class 1 as a permitted accessory use in the RC (Rural Conservation) and the RR (Rural Residential) Zoning Districts under certain conditions; allowing Farm Wineries – Class 1 and Class 2 as a conditional use on Preservation Parcels or as permitted conditional use categories in the RC (Rural Conservation) Zoning District under certain conditions; allowing Farm Wineries – Class 2 as a conditional use on Preservation Parcels or as permitted conditional use categories in the RR (Rural Residential) Zoning District under certain conditions; defining certain terms; establishing certain criteria related to Farm Wineries Class 1 and Class 2; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB9-2011.pdf>.

CB10-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive. Co-sponsored by Calvin Ball, Council Chairperson, and Greg Fox, Councilperson

AN ACT providing for certain market-based alternatives to the moderate income housing unit obligation imposed on developers; making certain corrections in the process for determining the price of a moderate income housing unit offered for sale; clarifying when certain factors related to price will be established; amending the time that certain interest rates shall be determined; setting the maximum amount of earnest money that may be collected from certain purchasers; removing obsolete

references related to the eligibility to rent moderate income housing units; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to Moderate Income Housing Units in Howard Co.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB10-2011.pdf>.

CB11-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, approving a multi-year Interconnection Service Agreement among PJM Interconnection LLC, Howard County, Maryland and Baltimore Gas and Electric Company for interconnection of the Alpha Ridge landfill gas to energy project where electricity will be generated from methane produced at the landfill and used for some landfill operations with the excess electricity sold on the PJM regional transmission grid.

To view the bill, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB11-2011.pdf>.

CR22-2011 Introduced by The Chair at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving a public interest use for a monopole cell tower and accessory ground equipment on land owned by Trent Kittleman; finding that the proposed use is in the public interest; approving an amendment to certain deeds of easement to release the land used for the monopole cell tower and accessory ground equipment for a public purpose; and providing that the release is contingent on a certain payment to the County.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR22-2011.pdf>.

CR23-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive. Co-Sponsored by Calvin Ball, Council Chairperson, and Greg Fox, Councilperson

A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code in order to enter into a contract with 3330 Rogers Avenue, LLC, a Maryland limited liability company, for the design and construction of road improvements to

Ellicott Center Drive.

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR23-2011.pdf>.

CR24-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION pursuant to Sections 4.201 and 13.1319 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to convey to the Howard County Housing Commission, in fee simple, certain property owned by the County, known as the Hilltop apartment complex, the Roger Carter Recreation Center, the Tiber Hudson Senior Housing Project, and ancillary parcels located within Ellicott City for redevelopment as a 278 unit mixed income residential community and recreational facility; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the land if he finds that the land may have a further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR24-2011.pdf>

ACTION

Below you will find the action the Council has taken on the bills previously under consideration.

CR8-2011: Introduced by The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Joan Becker, Irfan Malik, David A. Marker, Cheryl M. Miller, David Myers, Kevin Rodkey, and Lawrence Walker to the Councilmanic Redistricting Commission and naming Lawrence Walker as the Chairperson.

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR8-2011.pdf.

CR9-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION, pursuant to Section 2-105 of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, approving the names of Kent Finkelsen, Paul Gudelski, Wayne Lesonick, and Renee C. Mierczak to be submitted to the Director of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation as nominees for the position

of Howard County Supervisor of Assessments

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR9-2011.pdf.

CR13-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Daniel E. Tracy, Jr. to the Recreation & Parks Board

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR13-2011.pdf>.

CR14-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Sandi S. Olek to the Environmental Sustainability Board

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR14-2011.pdf>.

CR15-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of James Caldwell to the Environmental Sustainability Board

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR15-2011.pdf>.

CR 16-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the Environmental Sustainability Board

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR16-2011.pdf>

CR17-2011 Introduced by The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Deb Poquette to the Public Ethics Commission

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR17-2011.pdf>.

GENERAL LEGISLATION

CB4-2011 Introduced by: Greg Fox

AN ACT amending an uncodified section in Council Bill No. 14-2007, as amended by Council Bills No. 11-2008, 2-2009, and 62-2009, that required certain connections to the Planned Service Area for water and sewer within a certain time in order to extend the time to make the connections; and providing for the application of this Act.

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view this bill, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB4-2011.pdf

ENRCB5-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at of the County Executive

AN ACT reorganizing the Executive Branch of County Government pursuant to Section 403 of the Howard County Charter; creating an Office of Transportation within the Department of County Administration; setting forth the duties and responsibilities of the Office of Transportation; setting forth the general qualifications of the Administrator of the Office of Transportation; providing that the Administrator of the Office of Transportation will be an executive exempt position appointed by the Chief Administrative Officer with the approval of the County Executive; making certain technical corrections; and generally relating to the Executive Branch of County Government.

Final Action: Passed as amended 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the bill, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CB5-2011.pdf Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CB5-2011.pdf> Amendment 2

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A2CB5-2011.pdf>

ENRCR10-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson

A RESOLUTION establishing a Charter Review Commission to review and make recommendations concerning the Howard County Charter; appointing certain persons to serve on the Commission; appointing a Chairperson; providing for the duties of the Commission including the duty to submit a final report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Redistricting Commission

Final Action: Passed as amended 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR10-2011.pdf Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR10-2011.pdf>

ENRCR11-2011 Introduced by: Chair and Courtney Watson

A RESOLUTION amending the Howard County Council Rules of Procedure to conform to longstanding practices; authorizing the Chairperson to cancel a meeting under specified circumstances; clarifying when the Council is permitted to conduct closed sessions and who may attend such sessions; clarifying that the Chairperson may, but need not, vote; clarifying the way that Administration requests are characterized; and generally relating to the Council Rules of Procedure

Final Action: Passed as amended 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR11-2011.pdf Amendment 1

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/A1CR11-2011.pdf>

CR12-2011 Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act

Final Action: Passed 3/7/11

Votes: Unanimous

To view the resolution, visit

www.co.ho.md.us/CountyCouncil/CCdocs/CR12-2011.pdf

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Legislative Session: Monday, April 4, 2011 at 7:30pm
- Public Hearing – Capital Budget (except Education): Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00pm
- Work Session – Capital Budget (except Education): Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 1:00pm held in C. Vernon Gray Room, George Howard Building
- Legislative Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 7:00pm

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved?

You can stream the Council's sessions online by visiting www.howardcountymd.gov/CountyCouncil/CC_WatchUs.htm and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed real time on this website.



Howard County State Legislation UNDER CONSIDERATION

HB107 (HO.CO. 1-11) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – The Arc of Howard County – Grae Loch Home Renovation. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$144,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation on 1/19/11. Filed as House Bill 107 and assigned to Appropriations Committee. First Reading Appropriations 1/24/11. Heard 3/12/11 at 1pm. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0107.htm>.

HB242 (HO.CO. 2-11) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Troy Regional Park. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation on 1/19/11. Filed as House Bill 242 and assigned to Appropriations Committee. First Reading Appropriations 1/31/11. Hearing 3/12/11. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0242.htm>.

HB106 (HO.CO. 3-11) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Blandair Regional Park. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation 1/19/11. Filed as House Bill 106 and assigned to Appropriations Committee. First Reading 1/24/11. Heard 3/12/11. To view the bill, visit, <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0106.htm>.

HB 1275 (HO.CO. 4-11) Howard County – Slot Machines – Ownership and Operation by Eligible War Veterans' Organizations. Submitted by Delegate Warren Miller.

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain war veterans' organizations in Howard County to own and operate a certain number of slot machines under certain circumstances; and generally relating to slot machines in Howard County.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation 2/16/11 with 2nd amendment provided by Delegates Miller and Malone. First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations 2/24. Re-referred to Ways and Means 3/7. Heard 3/22 at 1pm. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb1275.htm>

HB245 (HO.CO. 5-11) Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine and Liquor Tasting License. Submitted by Delegate Warren Miller.

FOR the purpose of creating in Howard County a beer, wine and liquor tasting (BWLTL) license; specifying to whom the license may be issued; setting maximum limits on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be served under a BWLTL license; setting the annual license

fee; authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt rules or regulations to implement this Act; increasing the maximum alcohol content of wine that may be served under a beer and wine tasting license to conform with a certain definition of light wine; making stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation 1/19/11 with minor amendment. Filed as House Bill 245 and assigned to Economic Matters Committee. First Reading Economic Matters 1/31/11. Heard 2/28/11 at 1pm. Favorable Report by Economic Matters 3/15/11. Favorable Report Adopted. Second Reading Passed 3/16/11. Third Reading Passed (139-0) 3/18/11. Senate Action: First Reading Finance 3/21/11. Re-assigned to Education Health and Environmental Affairs 3/23/11. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0245.htm>.

HB700 (HO.CO. 6-11) Howard County – Hotel Rental Tax Rate. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of altering the maximum sales or use tax rate that Howard County is authorized to impose on certain room rentals in the county; and generally relating to the Howard County sales or use tax on room rentals for sleeping accommodations for transients.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation 2/2/11 with Guzzone amendment. Filed as House Bill 700 and assigned to Ways and Means Committee. First Reading Ways and Means 2/10/11. Heard 3/10/11. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0700.htm>.

HB243 (HO.CO. 7-11) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Mount Pleasant Farm House. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the Howard County Conservancy.

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan

proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation 1/19/11. Filed as House Bill 243 and assigned to Appropriations Committee. First Reading Appropriations 1/31/11. Heard 3/12/11. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0243.htm>.

HB699 (HO.CO. 8-11) Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Former Ellicott City Post Office. Submitted by Senator James Robey and Delegate Elizabeth Bobo at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$450,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Action: Passed Howard County Delegation 2/2/11. Filed as House Bill 699 and assigned to Appropriations Committee. First Reading Appropriations 2/10/11. Heard 3/12/11. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0699.htm>.

HB1315 (HO.CO. 9-11) Orphans Court Sessions – Time and Place

Requiring the Orphans' Court in Howard County to determine when to hold its sessions for transaction of business

Action: First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations 3/3/11. Re-referred to Judiciary. Heard 3/23. Favorable Report Adopted. Second Reading Passed 3/23/11. Favorable Report by Judiciary 3/25/11. To view the bill, visit <http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb1315.htm>

SELECT GENERAL STATE LEGISLATION

SB316 Property Tax – Charter Counties – Education Funding. Sponsored by: Senator Madaleno

Authorizing the county council of a charter county to set a property tax rate higher or to collect more property tax revenues than authorized under the county charter under specified circumstances for the sole purpose of funding education; requiring a charter county to appropriate to the

local board of education specified revenues and prohibiting a charter county from reducing specified funding to the local board of education under specified circumstances; etc.

Action: First Reading in Budget and Taxation 2/2/11.
Heard 2/23/11. To view the bill, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/SB0316.htm>

**SB629 Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems –
Local Employer Contributions. Sponsored by:
Senators Pipkin and Brinkley**

Providing for the calculation of a payment of a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; requiring counties to pay a portion of the employer contributions for local school board employees and community college employees who are members of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System; etc.

Action: First Reading Budget and Taxation 2/4/11.
Heard 3/15/11. To view the bill, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/sb0629.htm>

**HB677 Counties and Municipal Corporations –
“Sanctuary Laws” for Illegal Aliens – Prohibition**
Requiring counties and municipal corporations to fully comply with and support federal immigration law; prohibiting counties and municipal corporations from restricting their employees from requesting, obtaining, sending, receiving, exchanging, or maintaining immigration information; requiring counties and municipal corporations to enforce federal immigration law and protect civil rights; clarifying that a specified provision of law applies to subdivisions and qualifying municipalities; etc.

Action: First Reading Judiciary & Appropriations
2/9/11. Heard 3/15/11 (Judiciary). To view this bill, visit
<http://mlis.state.md.us/2011rs/billfile/hb0677.htm>

Thank you for your willingness to remain engaged.

All the best

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